AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. – 24. (Canceled)

25.   (New) A recording medium having a data structure for managing a data area of the recording medium, comprising:

a defect management area storing a first data block, the first data block having first information including recordation status of the data area, second information including a defect list, and third information including a first pointer pointing to an address where the first information is recorded.

26.   (New) The recording medium of claim 25, wherein the first information indicates recordation status of the data area on a recording unit by recording unit basis.

27.   (New) The recording medium of claim 26, wherein the first data block includes at least one recording unit.

28.   (New) The recording medium of claim 25, wherein the third information includes a second pointer pointing to an address where the second information is recorded.

29. (New) The recording medium of claim 25, wherein the address is a first physical sector number of a location where the first information is recorded.

30. (New) The recording medium of claim 28, wherein the first and second pointers identify most current versions of the first and the second information as of when the third information is recorded.

31. (New) A method of recording management data on a recording medium, comprising:

recording a first data block in a defect management area, the first data block having first information including recordation status of a data area, second information including a defect list, and third information including a first pointer pointing to an address where the first information is recorded.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the third information includes a second pointer pointing to an address where the second information is recorded.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the first and second pointers identify most current versions of the first and second information as of when the third information is recorded.

34.   (New) A method of reproducing data from a recording medium, comprising:

reproducing at least a portion of data recorded on the recording medium based on a first data block recorded in a defect management area of the recording medium, the first data block including first information including recordation status of a data area, second information including a defect list, and third information including a first pointer pointing to an address where the first information is recorded.

35.   (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the third information includes a second pointer pointing to an address where the second information is recorded.

36.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the first and second pointers identify most current versions of the first and second information as of when the third information is recorded.